

enriched the lives of so many others and he is a stellar example of the type of individuals we need leading our communities. I am proud to be a congregant of Rabbi Weinblatt's Synagogue. I wish Rabbi Weinblatt a very happy 50th birthday and I look forward to his continued service as a leader in our community. I am proud to call him my Rabbi, and even more proud to call him my friend.

HONORING THE MEMORY AND COURAGE OF JOURNALISTS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and the courage of journalists who have given their lives in the pursuit of truth.

I rise to commend organizations like the National Ukrainian Journalists Union, a group dedicated to the protection of Ukrainian journalists, the abolition of censorship and the defense of free speech.

In many developing countries, harassment, in the form of threats, arrest, and even kidnapping and murder is used as a tool to silence journalists who dare to report the truth. No single attempt at censorship has sparked more protest than the disappearance and murder of Georgiy Honhadze in Ukraine in 2000. This crime cast international attention on the systemic oppression of freedom of expression, and cast significant doubts on the level of democratic development in Ukraine.

The death of Honhadze, the beating death of Ihor Aleksandrov, the director of a television station in the Donetsk region of eastern Ukraine in July 2001, and most recently, the death of Mykhailo Kolomyiets, the director of a news agency in Kyiv, Ukrainian News, reinforce doubt about the state of freedom in Ukraine. The lethargic pursuit of the investigations of these deaths by authorities indicates official apathy if not tacit approval.

Mr. Speaker, continued government control of the media, and often violent oppression of freedom of expression denies the Ukrainian people their inalienable human rights and prevents democracy from rooting and growing in Ukraine. Therefore, I call upon my Colleagues in the Congress to urge the government of Ukraine to resolve the deaths of these journalists expeditiously, to implement an agenda for the defense of free speech, and to recognize the fourth day of December as "a day of sorrow for lost journalists."

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSMAN BOB BORSKI

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2002

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a good friend and colleague, BOB BORSKI, upon the occasion of his retirement from twenty years of distinguished service in the House of Representatives.

Congressman BOB BORSKI (D-PA) was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives

in November 1982. He is currently serving his tenth term as the Representative from Pennsylvania's Third Congressional District, which encompasses Northeast Philadelphia, the River Wards, Society Hill and portions of Queen Village. Of the three districts that include parts of Philadelphia, the 3rd is the only district completely within city limits.

As a teenager in Northeast Philadelphia, BOB was a standout athlete for the Frankford High Pioneers, captaining the basketball and baseball teams. He is a low-profile leader in Congress, but he still gives his all for the community where he grew up, devoting most of his energies to the needs and concerns of the 3rd District.

Since he was elected, BOB BORSKI has fought vigorously to preserve military facilities and defense jobs in his congressional district and throughout the Philadelphia region. In 1993 and 1995, he worked with the city of Philadelphia and community leaders to defeat attempts to close the Aviation Supply Office (ASO) and its tenant activities in Northeast Philadelphia.

In the past couple of years, BOB has initiated an effort to reclaim and revitalize the neglected waterfront of the Delaware River. We worked together in a coordinated effort with various regional, federal, state and local stakeholders in order to develop Philadelphia's waterfront for the benefit of both the city and the people. He envisioned an exciting, prosperous, new waterfront for Philadelphia that will reconnect neighborhoods with land developed for many uses. Interconnected recreational pathways as well as plenty of open green space bordering the river are principal parts of his vision.

Representative BORSKI retires as the third ranking Democrat on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and as the lead Democrat on the Committee's Highways and Transit Subcommittee.

In addition to his leadership position on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, BOB served as Regional White for Philadelphia and Ohio. As a senior member on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Subcommittee Ranking Member, BOB has been a vocal advocate of an improved national transportation system and a strong federal commitment to public infrastructure and mass transit programs. In Philadelphia, his legislative efforts have resulted in millions of dollars more for SEPTA, I-95, neighborhood roads, and transportation improvements which will greatly benefit the Port of Philadelphia, and as a result, the surrounding area.

In the 105th Congress, BOB worked to pass TEA-21, authorizing spending for highway, mass transit and other transportation-related projects across the nation. This bill included \$221 million in projects for the City of Philadelphia and led to the expansion of Philadelphia International Airport, I-95 improvements, investment in mass transit, and the construction of the Frankford Transportation Center, a state of the art multimodal terminal complex. With TEA-21, Congressman BORSKI led the effort to bring construction and manufacturing jobs to the City of Philadelphia with projects that also assisted in the reduction of traffic congestion and air pollution.

He has worked consistently to defend public safety, authoring legislation which bans the expanded use of triple trailer trucks as well as legislation which prohibited the dangerous

practice of backhauling—transporting foods one way and toxic chemicals on the return trip.

In previous years, BORSKI served as the top Democrat on the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee, a job that at times pulled him well beyond his customary focus on Philadelphia into issues such as government response to natural disasters and desalination efforts in communities short of fresh water. BOB was instrumental insuring the passage of the landmark Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act.

BOB BORSKI has been a strong supporter of the environment. As the subcommittee began debate in the 105th Congress on legislation to overhaul the Superfund hazardous waste cleanup program, BORSKI refused to support legislation that would go easy on polluters or that failed to ensure the protection of human health and the environment. He has pushed for legislation to promote cleanup of "brownfields"—urban industrial sites where pollution discourages redevelopment.

BOB is also a member of the Subcommittee on Railroads, the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, the Congressional Delegation to the NATO Assembly, and the ad-hoc committee on Irish Affairs.

In addition to his committee assignments, he represented the concerns and needs of his large senior citizen constituency and serves on the Older Americans Caucus, the Diabetes Caucus, and the Prescription Drug Task Force.

Prior to his 1982 election to the U.S. Congress BOB BORSKI served three terms in the Pennsylvania State House. Before that, he was a floor manager at the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. He was born in Philadelphia on October 20, 1948 and is a life-long resident of the city. In 1966, he graduated from Frankford High School where he captained the basketball and baseball teams. He attended the University of Baltimore on an athletic scholarship and, after graduating with a B.A. in 1971, served one year as the assistant basketball coach. Congress BORSKI lives in Northeast Philadelphia with his wife Karen and is the father of four girls and one boy.

I am grateful for the many years I've gotten to serve with BOB in the Pennsylvania delegation. His friendship, unfailing congeniality and hard work made it a joy to work with him, contributed immeasurably to the cohesiveness of the delegation and benefited Pennsylvania greatly. He will be remembered as a gentleman and statesman who left a positive mark on this body.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CORNELIUS MYRICKS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2002

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Cornelius Myricks born April 25, 1926 in Montgomery, Alabama. During his younger years, Mr. Myricks served in the United States Navy for four years. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, he moved to Chicago, Illinois. It was then he became a member of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church and ordained as a Deacon in 1950. He served as